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SUBJECT: CORN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: STATE 55748

1. ON MARCH 5, GOS REDUCED VARIABLE LEVY ON CORN TO 894 PESETAS PER M.T. (SEE TOFAS 34) AT CIF BILBAO PRICE FOR NO 3 YELLOW CORN OF DQWW PER M.T. AND WITH PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE OF YYMY TESETAS TO THE DOLLAR, VARIABLE LEVY IS NOW 11 PERCENT, WHICH COMBINED WITH NORMAL DUTY OF 1.2 PERCENT AND COMPENSATORY DUTY OF 8 PERCENT REDUCES EFFECTIVE IMPORT CHARGES TO 20.2 PERCENT AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT TRADE SOURCES EXPECT PRESENT VARIABLE LEVEL TO BE REDUCED FURTHER ON MARCH 12.

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2. IMPORT CHARGES ON GRAIN SORGHUM ARE FAR

BELOW 20 PERCENT WITH PRESENT VARIABLE LEVY  
OF 416 PESETAS PER M.T. AND SAME NORMAL AND  
COMPENSATORY DUTIES IMPOSED ON CORN.

3. IT APPEARS THAT ENTIRE PURPOSE OF TEMPORARY VARIABLE LEVY  
INCREASES DURING FEBRUARY WAS NOT TO RESTRICT  
GRAIN IMPORTS PER SE, BUT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE  
SHORT TERM POLITICAL ACTION TO  
FAVOR LIMITED NUMBER OF DOMESTIC CORN  
PRODUCERS WHO WERE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES  
IN MARKETING THEIR HIGHER PRICED GRAIN.

4. FIFTEEN DAY VALIDITY FOR IMPORT LICENSES STILL  
IN EFFECT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO TRADE SOURCES  
THIS IS NOT IMPEDING NORMAL FLOW OF CORN FROM  
U.S. BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES, CORN IMPORTS  
FROM EC SOURCES ARE MINIMAL. FIFTEEN DAY  
LICENSES VALIDITY PROBABLY AFFORDING  
U.S. EXPORTERS SOME ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER SUPPLY SOURCES IN ARGENTINA,  
BRAZIL AND SOUTH AFRICA SINCE THEY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO EFFECT  
SHIPMENTS WITHIN RESTRICTED LICENSING PERIOD.

5. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY BELIEVES  
THERE IS NO REASON TO RAISE MATTER WITH GOS AT THIS  
TIME. WE SHALL, HOWEVER, MONITOR SITUATION CLOSELY  
AND REPORT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.  
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